GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION PLAN BY HPCL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Proposes to invest a huge amount on the expansion of its retail business till March, 2007;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the details of the outlets proposed to be opened/upgraded in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the further steps taken by HPCL in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)& (b): Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) plans to invest Rs. 918 crore on retail outlets (ROs) during 2006-07. The details of the proposed investment are as follows:

Nature of Investment Amount

Rs.(in crores)

1. Setting up new retail outlets - 155.00
2. Modernisation/Upgradation 174.00
of existing outlets
3. Automation of retail outlets - 217.00
4. Procurement of equipment - 175.00
5. Other (Auto LPG/Vapour 197.00
Recovery etc.) - 918.00

(c) & (d): HPCL intends setting up 800 new ROs and upgrade/modernize 966 existing ROs during 2006-07. The State-wise details of proposed new ROs and proposed upgradation/modernisation of existing retail outlets during 2006-07 are annexed. HPCL has commissioned 396 ROs and upgraded/ modernised 274 ROs between April,2006 and October, 2006.